File No. 44

1893.

Collection No.

Mysore Residency

Pros. / Serial Nos. 1 – 12

Subject.

Stamp vendors in the C & M Station of Bangalore for the sale of Court fee Stamps.

Previous References.	Later References.
F 645/86	F 44 A/93 (Refund of value of Court-fee stamps)
	F 357/93
	F 372/94
	F 80/96
	F 587/99 (Stamp rules
	F 215

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Office Note.

FILE No. 44 of 1893

S.N.1

In a petition dated 5th January 1893, certain inhabitants of the Ld on Station represented the inconvenience felt in obtaining Court fees labels & stamp papers owing to the retention of a single vendor at the Dt Court, & prayed for the appointment of two non-official vendors 2. This petition was forwarded to the Collector & Dt Judge for report. The Collector has remarked that there is no necessity for another vendor on the ground that all the Courts being situated at an easy distance the public can buy the stamps from the Vendor at the District court without trouble.

S.N.4

3. In letter N. 585 dated 14th April 1893, the Dt Judge admits that the public are put to inconvenience under present arrangements. He argues that in the Madras Presidency five non official

S.N.5

vendors are employed in every district
to every 100,000 of the population, the object
evidently being to save people the trouble
of going great distances for purchasing
stamps. This course is unavoidable
in a madras district which covers
many hundred square miles. Though
the population of the Coorg Station is over
100,000, still the extent is only 12¼ Square
miles & the distance the people have now to go to
purchase stamps here is nothing to speak
of. The other ground brought forward
by Mr. Krishna Rao, that stamps cannot
be had on Govt. holidays & Sundays
deserves consideration. Non-official
Vendors, if appointed to sell Court fees
stamps, will be able to sell them on also on
the days in which the Dist. Court is closed
& this will certainly be very convenient
to the public. Of course, slight extra expense
will be incurred in the way of discount to
these Vendors but it may, as observed by
the

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the Dt: Judge in para 2 of his letter he left out of account.

4. In the petition under reference the appointment of Vendors is fixed is objected.
Commissioner Mr. Krishna Rao says that he is not in favour of this system & that it is not now in force in the Madras Presidency. He does not suggest any other system or point out the procedure now obtaining in the Madras Presidency. On this subject the rules are clear. Under clauses VI & VIII of the Ch: Comm's Instructions No. 20 of 23rd Sept. 1870, the remuneration to stamp Vendors shewn be regulated 3 p. c. is allowed if stamps are purchased by Vendors by payment of ready money, otherwise a Commission not exceeding two per cent is allowed It is for the Collector to determine whether payment for stamps purchased by the Vendors shewn be insisted on, or not

Stamp B

& the rate of commission will depend upon the payment or otherwise.

5th In para 4 of this letter, the Dt Judge proposes to do away with the appointment+ of a salaried stamp Vendor in this Court. The chief reason for this proposal is to utilize the pay of the Vendor in appointing a clerk as there is heavy work for the present ministerial establishment and because there is the prospect of an increase in the work consequent on the proposed making over to the Dt Court the Civil jurisdiction over a portion of the Mysore State Railway. The latter work will be comparatively light, but should this turn out to be too heavy for the current establishment to cope with, the sanction of the Govt of India can be obtained for an increase, but there seems no necessity now to disturb the existing arrangements vide G.O. July 1890, Col:

+ As regards this attention is invited to para 10 of Ad. No. 9, para 11 of Ad. No. 11 & para 7 of Ad. No. File No. 561/85

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Col. Hill submitted a proposition for an increase of establishment, but it was observed that such a redistribution of work or of establishment was necessary & should the work in the Dt. Court be too much for the present establishment to do, the Dt. Judge must make out a special case & submit the same for the Resident's consideration with reference to correspondence ending with this office letter No. 2473-316-90 of 5th August 1890.-

File No. 316/90

6. The appointment of non-special Vendors rests with the Collector, & in Station. Though he thinks that there is no necessity to appoint such vendors to sell Court fees stamps, Mr. Krishna Rao has shown that the public are put to great inconvenience for want of such vendors. Probably two vendors might be sufficient for the & in Station

& the Collector might well appoint two of the present Vendors of general stamp papers to sell also court fee stamps.

twelve persons are licensed to sell stamp papers.

9- If approved, extracts of paras 1, 2, 3 & 5 of the Dy. Judge's letter may be sent to the Collector for further consideration

8- It may be observed that in the Resident's opinion it seems necessary to appoint at least two non-official Vendors for the sale of court fee labels & stamps, in the Ft. St. Station.

Submitted for favour of orders.

A.S.
25-4-93

9 The Camp[bell] Pensioners in the above table regarding the Stamp Vendor are briefly as follows:

When writing to the G. of India in July 1891, the Ch. Sec. said that a Stamp Vendor was "absolutely necessary". The G. of India observed that a separate officer

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as Stamp Vendor Leased "unnecessary"
The Resr in reply said that the
appointment was "much desired
that it involved no Cost Explain
to Govt to receive a Salary of Rs. 30/-
instead of being remunerated
by Commission. etc etc The
G. of I. Exception. Sanction of
the appointment.

10. Mr Krishna Rao's proposal
in para 4 of his letter and
which commends itself to
the Dt. Audr Genl., really
means giving him another
hand, and if the Stamps
Vendor is borne on the
Establt. Rolls, it continues
then the same designation
no reference to the G. of India
Leave necessary; but the
Stamps proposed Leave Rules
will irregularise. The proposed

may be laid before the G. of S.
and as it involves no extra
cost it will be approved
As regards the appointment
of an official Vendor ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~Court~~ there really seems a necessity
there is no difficulty in the
proposal to send the Collr.
contract from the Dist. Judge
letter for reinstruction may
if approved be sent on at first

26.4.93 Petn probate & issue

Lr to Dl. 1.6.93

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Agd.

Collector who can appoint
the Vendors seems to think present
arrangement sufficient, there should
however be a concurrence of
Public vote appointment of 2
Vendors. maddition of these two
at the Treasury & Dist. Court
and the appointment of the
present Vendor. & Trustee Clerical
duties Warrant added Dist Judge
Appl. last under the rules which

Petn for probate
1 July -
Dl
Agd 3/7

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

must be a Vendor at the Dist Court through the transfer will entail the extra cost & work in Dist Court Office. There would be a loss to Govt. of present 4% The Vendors under the rule are entitled to a remt of 3% on the sale value which taking the sale at ½ that of the average annual sale at present will represent 525 p.a. Some Vendors might sell more stamps. The present Stamps for Dist Court Vendors was appointed under Sl. 11 para 11 & 17 para.) Sale 5% of 85. as his salary of Rs 30/per an in lieu of Com.n involved on Govt. Sale this transfer now stops Clerical work & no vendor. a cost & work of discount to Stamp Vendor

I am disposed accept the opinion of the Collector that existing arrangements are sufficient for the present as the Registration duties are much, more work on the Dist Judge's time might make it expedient to transfer the Judicial portion of the Stamp Vendor's clerical work

Sd 26/6.

I must accept the opinion of the Collector in such a matter — Peter should be informed accordingly

X We can see better. By work entails any serious additional.

Sd 3/7

Endorsement to petitioners receipt Sl. No 7

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Vice file of 3.7.2
9.7.4
after question in ...

14 In para 4 of letter No. 278 dated 21st February 1895, the District Judge, Cuttack, requests that as the present Stamp Vendor of this Court wishes to retire shortly, the proposals submitted in paras 4 to 6 of his letter of 14th April 1893 to do away with the post of Stamp Vendor by employing licensed vendors, ~~to appoint a Clerk~~ may be recommended and an additional Clerk appointed for this Court instead of the Vendor

15 Attention is invited to paras 5, 9, 10, 12 & 13 of note. Any proposal regarding the sale of Court fees stamps by any person other than an official of a Court would seem to require an amendment of rule 4 of the Court rules framed under the Court fees Act which amendment has to be sanctioned by the Govt. of India. As regards para 13 of note, it may be observed that the transfer of railway jurisdiction has not taken place yet.

If affirmed, the District Judge's proposals may be filed pro tem.

Rs. 2-3-95 AG 7.3.95

Chief Clerk's Office Note File No. 372/94 ← Ch. Court Instn No. 237 of 15-1-73.

Chief Clerk's Office Note File No. 372/94 with Instn No. 237 of 15-1-73.

11 In a petition dated — (received on
P. 9 the 4th inst. 1895 certain inhabitants
of the Cantonment of Bangalore, again
refer to the inconvenience to which
the public is put by the sale of Court
fee stamps in the Dist. Court & the
Resident's treasury alone, and
beg that one or two non-official
vendors may be licensed to sell
these stamps in the busiest part
of the station.

16 The matter was gone into before
& it was found that either an
amendment of the existing rules
(which requires a reference to the
Govt. of India) or letting can be done
in the way of meeting the wishes
of the petitioners. The Collector, (& the
Station has seen no necessity
for the appointment of private
licensed vendors while the Dist. Judge
has admitted that there is free

in the petitioner's arguments. Please
see previous notes & also the Note
note in file No. 372 of 1894, particularly
paras 12, 13 & 15 of this note, paras 11 & 12 of
note in file No. 372/94 & para 3 of Sel. No. 7 of that file.

Para 17 of note in file 372/94 is now cited in Lab. in form for this.

4.11.'95

If approved, the petitioner may be
referred to the previous endorsement
& informed ~~that the Resident~~ (Sel. No. 7)
& informed that in the Resident's opinion
there seems no necessity for a change in
the existing arrangements for the sale of
Court fee stamps in the Taluk of Sankeshwar
Bungalore. There seems to be no need
to consult the Collector in the Dy. Judge
again in the matter.

18 The petition is insufficiently stamped.
It must bear court fees labels to the value
of one rupee. It may first be returned
for proper stamp fee. Endorsement prepared
for signature.

H.S.
4-11-95

9- A perusal of S. 1. shows that it was probably the
production of Ramanbala Moodelian who nominated
himself for one of the proposed non official vendorships.
This view is confirmed by a perusal of S. 6 ____

(Continuation of Note or Precis)

It follows then that the petition did not necessarily require very serious consideration –

20. As regards the present petition, I do not think there is any real need for extra vendors. The majority of the people who require stamps frequent more or less the District Court – Holidays are not very frequent nor do they often continue "for several days" together We have the opinion of a former Collector (S.4) I do not think there is any necessity to consult the present Collector – I would reply as proposed in para 17 supra –

21 The present petition, as pointed out by office, is insufficiently stamped

13–11.

Res.

22 After the petition has been properly stamped, (in default of which it may be filed,) send to Collector and enquire (1) at what places Court fee stamps are sold, (2) whether in his opinion it is desirable that they should be sold at any other place within the provisions of Not. 237 of 15th July 1873, and (3) whether he sees any reason for a reconsideration of the opinion given by his predecessor in his No. 1464 of 20 Mar 1892.

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D.F.M.

23. With letter dated the 27 January 1896 D. 16
W. Valayutha Mudr. returns the petition
Sl. No. 4 fully stamped, together with the opinions
of the leading members of the bar.

Submitted to the Collector in accordance
with orders in para 22 of note, is submitted
for approval.

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8-2-96. [illegible] 10/2

Issue
[illegible]
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Issued to Collr. C & M. station camp No 563.
the 18th February 96.

24. In his letter No. 244 of the
23rd May '96 the Collector in reply
to Sl. No. 11, says that he does not agree
with his predecessor that any of the
Vendors at the D.C. Court to Rest
of the Station - Mr. Sleigh says
that when petitions or parties
in Cases are required to produce
process or other fees in Stamps
there is a considerable amount of
trouble in getting them; he thinks

the only place in the Station where Court Fee Stamps are sold

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No. 327
46.93

Returned, not being stamped

Acting Secretary
Asst. Resident

No. 279
D/27/1/93

Bangalore
28th January 1893 } To

Colonel P. D. Henderson, C.S.I.
British Resident in Mysore,
&c &c &c.
(Chief Controlling Revenue Authority)

Bangalore
Collectorate
23/2/93

The humble petition of the some of the inhabitants of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore

Humbly Showeth,

That the undersigned residents are put to much inconvenience for obtaining Court Fee Stamps and Court Fee Stamp papers owing to the retention of only a single stamp vendor at the District Court Civil and Military Station Bangalore by Government. Consequently we respectfully beg to approach your Honor with the request after considering the extent of the station and its distant suburbs such as Ulsoor, Shoolay Cantonment (General Bazaar) and the surrounding Villages. And consulting the Collector and District Judge of the Station be pleased to appoint two Stamp-Vendors on payment of fixed commission for the sale effected by them. It is at the same time respectfully submitted that the appointment may be devolved on the Pensioners of the Civil Departments who are capable of performing this duty. This arrangement would suit people

much

much better than devolving the Court Fee Stamp vending business on the already existing stamp vendors who are holding appointment on fixed commission by so much per cent under the General Stamp Act I of 1879. This is thus explained that people in sheer ignorance on asking one thing may get another, and the vendors too in confusion do the same.

For the present we respectfully beg to propose following persons for such appointment, if considered fit may be retained

1. A. Ponnambalum Modr
Pensioned Accountant & Record Keeper
87. Ebrahimsaib Street
for General Bazaar Commercial Street

for Shoolay & Ulsoor

We respectfully beg to subscribe ourselves
Your most obedient & humble servants

A. Ponnambalam Modr
Government Pensioner
Ebramsaib Street No 2 Civil & Military Station

Civil & Military Station
Bangalore
5th January 1893

Address.
Blue Singer Mfg Co
204 Commercial street
Cantt. Bangalore

Singer Mfg Co

Madras

Trichinopoly

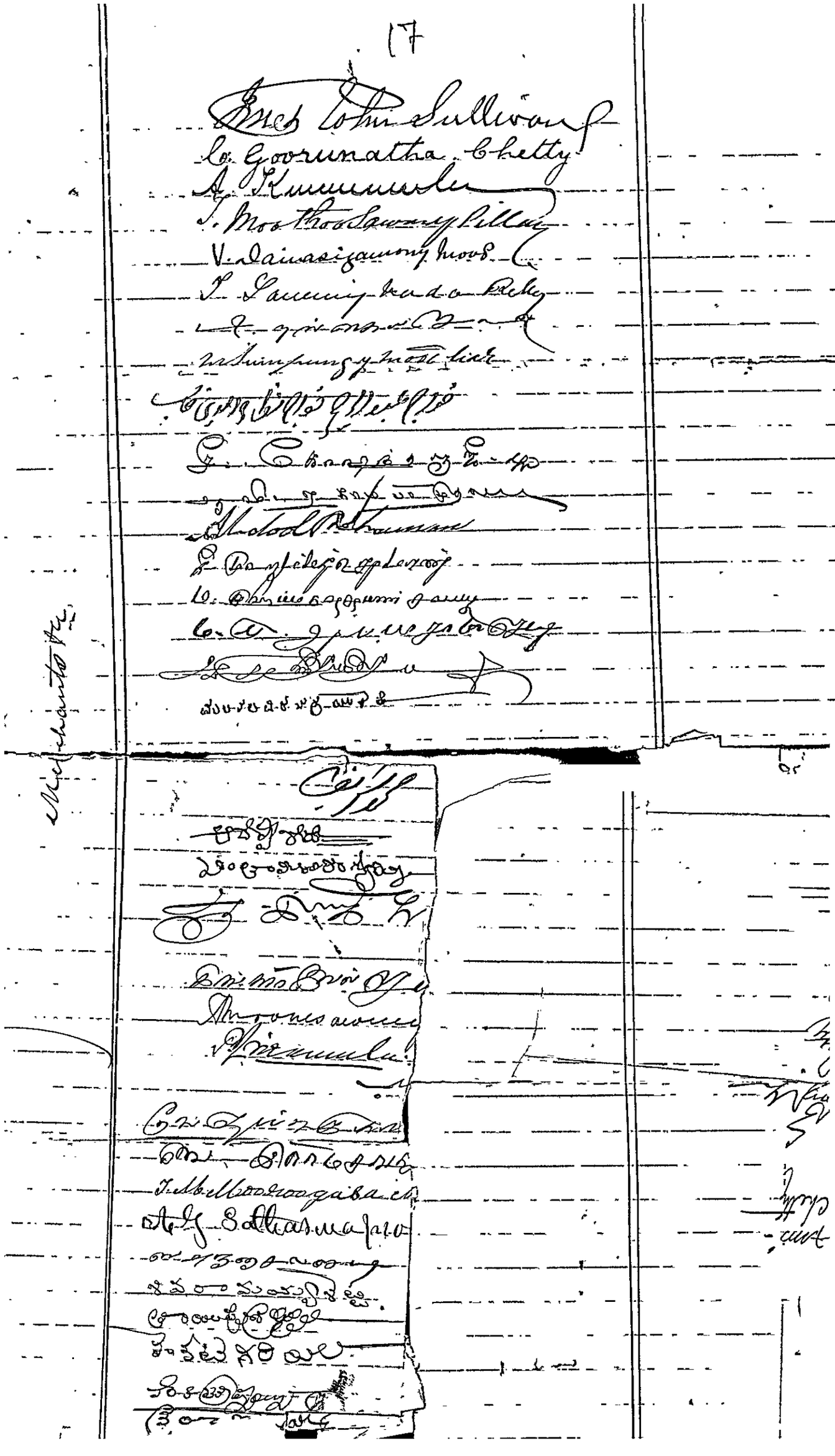
Salem

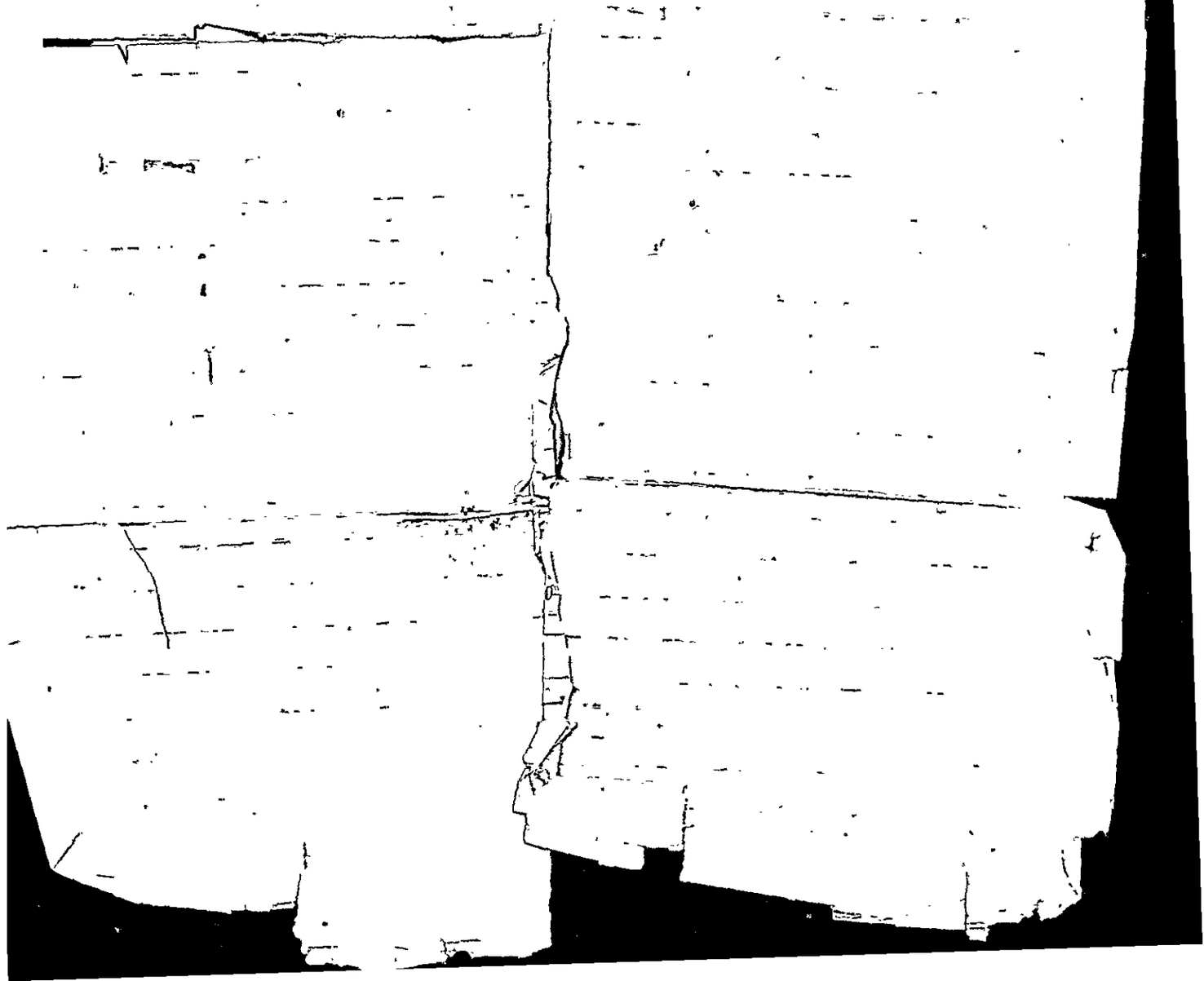
Coimbatore

Calicut

Tellicherry

Cannanore





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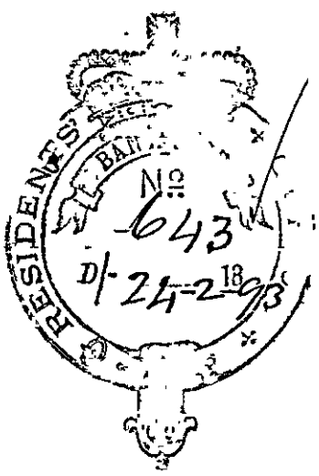
Bangalore.
17th February 1893.



To,

The First Assistant
to the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

With reference to the endorsement (No. 327/44-93 Dated 28th January 1893) on this petition I most humbly and respectfully beg to resubmit the same duly stamped under Schedule II No. 1 Clause C of the Court Fees Act.

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your honor's most obedient humble servt
A. Ponnumbala Moodeliar

Government Pensioner
No. 87 Ebrahim Saib Street
Cantonment
Bangalore

The petition may now be sent to the Collector & the Dist. Judge for report. Memo submitted for favour of signature.

ATL
28-2-93

P. T. O.

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THE RESIDENT'S OFFICE

R.D. Bangalore the 6th March 1893.

No. 782 / 4 & 93

Memorandum

The accompanying petition is forwarded to the undermentioned officer for report:—

Collector and District Magistrate.

Do Station of Bangalore.

District Judge Do

(To be returned by the last named officer)

(signed) C. N. Raikes Nair

First Asst. to the Resident.

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No. 1464.

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, and
Dist. Magte. CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.
Bangalore, 20th March - 1893.

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22/3/93

FROM

THE COLLECTOR, and District Magis-trate.
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

To

THE First Assis-tant to the Resident
in Mysore.

Col. Campbell is of opinion that there is no necessity for another Stamp Vendor in the Cantonment - The Dist. Judge has not submitted his opinion which may be awaited.

dt 23-3-93 A.S. W/D

SIR,

With reference to your memorandum No. 782/44-93, dated 6th March 1893, forwarding for report an application from the inhabitants of the Civil and Military Station for the appointment of an additional Stamp Vendor for sale of Court fee labels I have the honor to state that there is no necessity for another Vendor - All the courts being located at an easy distance the public can buy the Stamps from the Government salaried Vendor located at the District Court without trouble -

I have the honor to be
Sir -
Your most obedient Servant

Thomas Valle

Collector & District Magistrate &c.

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Bangalore 5th
14th April 1893.

No. 585

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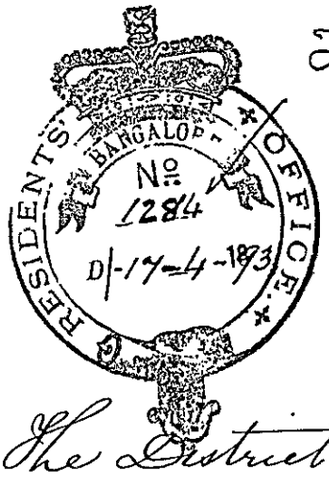

From,

The District Judge
Civil and Military Station
Bangalore.

To,

The First Assistant to the Resident
in Mysore.

Thanks proposal as passing Excellent
subject to custom Sir,
as appended in
Fancy Cuttings

17/4 IR

With reference to your memorandum No. 782-44-93 of the 6th March last forwarding for report a petition presented by some of the inhabitants of the Civil and Military Station, regarding the appointment of two additional Stamp Vendors for the purpose of selling Court fee Stamps to the public in the Civil and Military Station, I have the honor to state that I agree with the petitioners in thinking that people are put to some inconvenience in there being but two places in the Station where people can purchase Court fee Stamps, viz, the Residents Treasury and the District Court, both

both of which being public offices Vend Stamps only on working days and at the usual hours of business. This is certainly a disadvantage.— Another disadvantage is that people living in such remote parts as Ellsoor and St. Johns Hill are now obliged to come all the way to the Treasury or to the District Court for making purchases of Stamps of even the lowest value. The inconvenience is one which, in my opinion, ought to be remedied, regard being had to the extent and population of Civil and Military Station, and to the large value of Stamps sold in the place. In the Madras Presidency, the rule, as I understand it, is to employ at least five Non-official Vendors in each District to every 100,000 of the population (See Madras Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 3113 dated the 5th September 1884). The object of this rule is obviously to save people the trouble of their having to go great distances for purchasing Stamps. The population of the Civil and Military Station, according to the census of 1891 being nearly 100,000,

12½ Sq. Miles

very Large Area Even; Hundreds of Square Miles Ship A

100,000, I am of opinion that one or two non-official Vendors may be employed in addition to the present staff of official Vendors, at such convenient places as may be selected by the Collector, provided that they are not very near the premises where the District Court and the Treasury are now located. These non-official Vendors though they are bound to sell Stamps at their places of Vend from 11 to 5 o'clock on working days, are under no prohibition as regards selling Stamps on Sundays and holidays. There will therefore be greater facilities afforded to people if the appointment of one or two non-official Vendors suggested by the petitioners be made.

2. Nor are such appointments likely to affect to any appreciable extent the revenue derived from the sale of Court fee Stamps. The total value of the Stamps sold by the Treasury during the last five years is Rs: 1,76,868-8-0 as shown below:-

1867

1887 - 88 Rs: 27, 505 -- 6 -- 0

1888 - 89 Rs: 34, 084 - 2 -- 0

1889 -- 90 Rs: 41, 970 - 10 - 0

1890 - 91 Rs: 38, 189 - 8 - 0

1891 -- 92 Rs: 35, 118 - 14 - 0

Total Rupees 1, 76, 868 -- 8 - 0.

* These figures have been obtained from the Treasury.

The average annual value of the Court fee Stamps sold is thus Rupees 35, 373. The rate of discount allowed to Vendors of Court fee Stamps in the Madras Presidency is one per cent, and allowing the same rate to be adopted for the Civil and Military Station, the discount allowed to the non-official vendors would be about 354 Rupees or in round numbers 360 Rs: per annum on the assumption that all the Stamps are sold by non-official Vendors. But a large majority not less than 60 per cent of the Stamps, we may fairly calculate, would be sold by the Vendor at the District Court, and thus the discount payable to non-official Vendors would

would be reduced to less than 150 Rupees per annum. This amount is so small that it may well be left out of account.

at 3 p.c
p. 450

3. The proposals made by the petitioners seem therefore to commend themselves from every point of view. But I am not in favour of the appointment of Stamp Vendors on the Commission system. This is what I believe the petitioners mean when they say that Stamp Vendors should be paid a fixed Commission on the Sales effected by them. Under this system Vendors are supplied with Stamps without their being required to pay ready money for the same, on security furnished by them, and they are required to remit the sale proceeds less their discount to the Treasury at such periods as the Collector may from time to time determine. But this system is not a very convenient one from the point of view of Government and it is not now in force in the Madras Presidency

4 While on this subject I beg leave to place before the Resident as the Local Government another matter regarding the vend of Court fee Stamps in which in my opinion a change is desirable. At present the District Court like the Residents' Treasury is exercising the functions of a Vendor of Stamps and is specially keeping a paid @ 31/- p.m. official on its establishment for the purpose of Vending Stamps - an official who beyond being a Vendor of Stamps is of no use whatever to the Court in helping to dispose of the legitimate Judicial business connected with the office. I beg to submit for the consideration of the Resident whether in view of the heavy work now devolving on the ministerial establishment of this Court and of the increased work which may hereafter devolve on it when the limited Jurisdiction over a portion of the Mysore State Railway is made over to the District

Court

Court, it would not be advisable to invest the Stamp Vendor of the Court of his duties as Vendor and to place him entirely at the disposal of the Judge for the purpose of doing the work legitimately connected with the District Court, the work of Vending Stamps being transferred to licensed Vendors on the discount system that I have already advocated in the preceding part of this letter; or in other words whether it would not be desirable to transform the Stamp Vendor into a Clerk on the same pay as he now draws. This may require the sanction of the Government of India, but as the P&V proposal involves no extra cost to the State and as it would obviate the necessity for any additional hands being entertained in case the increased work of the Court hereafter requires it, I beg that it may be favorably considered by the Resident.

Moreover it seems to be an anomaly that there should be an official P&V Stamp Vendor in a Judicial office. The appointment

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is peculiar to the civil and military station and does not seem to have any precedent either in the Madras Presidency or the territories of Mysore administered by His Highness the Maharaja, and as I have observed above it renders the official concerned utterly useless for purposes of ministerial work connected with the Court. This anomaly might be removed by the appointment of a non-official Vendor who may be required to vend stamps at the Court house, the places of business of the other Vendors being determined by the Collector.

5. The only loss which the sanctioning of the above proposal will put the Government to, is the loss in the shape of discount which will be allowed to non-official stamp Vendors, but this amount, as I have already shown, will not exceed 360 Rs per annum, and as it forms but a small fraction of the revenue derived from the

sale

sale of Court fee Stamps which fluctuates every year it is not, in my opinion, so important as to affect the value of the proposal made.

6 Should the Resident be pleased to approve of the change proposed, advantage might be taken of this opportunity to retire the present Stamp Vendor of the Court who has completed his 55th year, and he may be appointed a licensed or non-official Vendor to sell Stamps at the Court House.

File N 198/89

7 The petition forwarded with the memorandum under reply is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

P Sivivasa Iyer

District Judge.

APPOINTMENTS HELD.

Extra Writer in the Office of the Asst. Qr. Master-General's Office, S. D. A., Belgaum...	Genl. W. Scott Adams, Bombay Army.
Acting Clerk in the Office of the Political Agent, Southern Mahratta Country, Belgaum ...	Henry Reeves Esq.
Acting Commissariat Agent, Kulladghee ...	Captain W. Lake, 3rd Regt. M. L. I.
Acting Head Clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of Police and Pensions, Kulladghee.	Lieut. Stannus, 14th Regt. M. N. I.
Adjutant's Writer late Southern Mahratta Irregular Horse, Kulladghee in 1855 ...	Major J. Ramsay, Bombay Army. Colonel A. F. Battye, do. Captain C. Buckle, do. Captain W. A. Kerr, v.c. do. Colonel J. Tait, do.
2nd Clerk and Asst. Translator in the Judicial and Revenue Dept. of the Dy. Commr.'s Office, Raichore Doab, Lingsoogoor in 1860 ...	Colonel J. G. Balmain, Madras Army Captain Ralph N. Taylor, do. Meadows Taylor, Esq. T. H. Bullock, Esq., late Judl. Comr. Hydrabad Assigned Districts.
English Clerk in the Record Department, in the Mysore Chief Commr.'s Office, Bangalore, in 1860-1861-1862. ...	Colonel J. L. Pearse, Madras Army. T. G. Clarke, do. A. C. Hay, do.
Acting Head Clerk and Accountant in the Office of the Cantonment Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, in 1863 ..	C. J. Pearse.
English Accountant, Cantonment Magistrate's Court, Bangalore 1871. ...	R. A. Cole.
2nd Clerk, Asst. Translator, and Record keeper Bangalore Town and Cantonment Magistrate's Court, 1871. ...	W. Hill. Major C. A Benson. Colonel J. Puckle. Major H. Mottet. Capt. E. D. Gompertz.

Bangalore, 22*nd Dec.* 1871.

TESTIMONIALS OF
A. PONNUMBALUM MOODELIAR,

2nd Clerk and Record Keeper.

KULLADGHEE, *17th June*, 1860.

A Ponnumbalum served in the Southern Mahratta Horse for four years as English Writer, (from 1851 to 1855,) during which term he always conducted his duties with great care and intelligence, and I had reason to be well satisfied with him in every respect. He left the Regiment at his own request.

(*Signed*) ARTHUR. F. BATTYE, CAPT.
2nd in Command 1st Regiment,
Southern Mahratta Horse.

KULLADGHEE, *1st October*, 1860.

A Ponnumbalum served in the Southern Mahratta Horse for four years as English Writer, (from 1851 to 1855.) He conducted his duties entirely to my satisfaction, and displayed considerable care, and intelligence. His discharge was obtained at his own request, he having procured superior employ in the Lingsoogoor Commissioner's Office. His family is one of high respectability.

(Signed) WILLIA. A. KEMRR, LIEUT.
2nd in Command 2nd Regiment,
Southern Mahratta Irregular Horse.

Extracts from the Register of Servants on the Establishment of the Deputy Commissioner of Raichore Doab, Lingsoogoor dated 1st September 1859.

"A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar is the son of Aroonachella Moodeliar of Arcot * * * Is a good writer."

(Signed) R. N. TAYLOR,
Deputy Commissioner, Raichore Doab.

"He has conducted himself steadily and well while serving under me."

(Signed) MEADOWS TAYLOR.
Deputy Commissioner, Raichore Doab.

LINGSOOGOOR, *6th October*, 1860.

"A. Ponnumbalum has given me every satisfaction."

(Signed) T. H. BULLOCK,
Deputy Commissioner, Raichore Doab.

A. Ponnumbalum, has served as Clerk on 50 Rs. per mensem in the Deputy Commissioner's Office, of this District, for six years. He now takes his discharge in consequence of the rumoured transfer of the district to the Nizam, having had an offer of another situation in Mysore. He has borne a good character, and is a very efficient clerk. He has not been long under my own observation as I have only lately come to Raichore, but my predecessors were always well satisfied with his conduct.

(Signed) T. H. BULLOCK,
Deputy Commissioner, Raichore Doab.

LINGSOOGOOR, *5th November* 1860.

BELGAUM, *2nd August* 1848.

The bearer "Ponnumbalum" was employed in this Office as an Extra Writer for 1 month and 20 days. He writes a neat hand.

(Signed) W. SCOTT ADAMS.
Major, Assistant Quarter Master General, S. D. A.

Extract of a letter from Lieutentant Stannus, Staff Officer and Superintendent of Police, Kulladghee; to Captain A. F. Battye, Adjutant, Southern Mahratta Irregular, Horse, Kulladghee dated 6th May 1851.

The bearer* is the person I spoke to you about some ago, as an English Writer. I believe him to be very willing and evenings attentive, and I hope he may suit you". * * * *

*Ponnumbalum Moodeliar.

A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar has been known to me for the past four years, as a clerk in the English Department of the Deputy Commissioner's Office. He is a very careful, correct, and good copyist. Punctual in his attendance at office, and altogether is an extremely useful, and steady English writer.

(Signed) L. RICKETTS,
Assistant Commissioner, Raichore Doab.

LINGSOOGOOR, 6-11-60.

To M. R. Ry.

Ponnumbalum Moodeliar—The Secretary Captain Hay, having informed me that he is willing to allow you to give up your present appointment in the Record Office, I have appointed you Accountant in my office, on a salary of 50 Rs., so, as soon as your resignation is accepted, I request you will join your now appointment.

(Signed) C. J. PEARSE,
Superintendent of Police.

BANGALORE, 10-12-62.

A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar, clerk in the Record Department has served in the Mysore Commissioner's Office from 20th August 1860 to 16th December 1862. During which time he has conducted with care and attention his share of duties, namely 34 years of arrears of correspondence brought up within one and a half year. He is a very efficient clerk. His transfer has been obtain ed at his own request, he having been promoted to an accountant in the Bangalore Cantonment Police Office.

(Signed) A. C. HAY,
Secretary.

BANGALORE, 17*th December* 1862.

Extract from General Character granted to the native officials of the Police Court by Captain C. A. Benson, Officiating Contonment Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, dated 17*th July* 1866.

"Ponnumbalum Moodeliar, accountant and Ramasawmy Chetty, shroff, have worked steadily. The former is always neat in his accounts and generally accurate."

(True Extract.)

I have pleasure in acknowledging the services of A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar, as an accountant in the office of the Superintendent of Police. I have found him most attentive to his duties, His books are kept with care and neatness and as far as it is in my power to judge, he is perfectly trustworthy, I shall be happy to hear of his advancement.

(Signed) W. HILL,
Late Cantonment Magistrate and Superintendent of Police.

BANGALORE, 2*nd January* 1866.

A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar was accountant in the Cantonment Magistrate's Office on a salary of Rs. 50, during the time I was in charge of that office for more than 2 years in 1866, 1867 and 1868. He performed his duties carefully and satisfactorily.

(Signed) J. PUCKLE.
Mysore Commission.

BANGALORE, *January.* 1869.

A. Ponnumbalum Moodeliar served as an accountant on 50 Rs. in the Cantonment Magistrate's Court, during the time I was in charge of that office for 2 years, viz., from March 1864, 1865 and up to 15th February 1866. He discharged his duties to my entire satisfaction.

(Signed) R. A. COLE, CAPT.,
Mysore Commission.

BANGALORE, 3*rd December* 1870.

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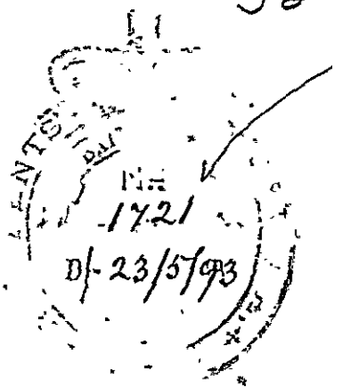

Bangalore
22nd May 1893

To,

The First Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore,

Honored Sir

With due respect and humble submission I beg to submit the following few lines for your Honors Kind consideration and favorable order.

2. With reference to the Memorial recently sent to the British Resident in Mysore from the inhabitants of Civil and Military Station Bangalore for the appointment of one or two Stamp Vendors for selling Court fees Stamps on commission.

3 I respectfully beg that your Honor may be pleased to consider this as my application favorably and nominate me as a vendor for the sale of the Court fees Stamps on commission or on the ~~system~~ discount of disposing of Stamps.

4. As regards myself I humbly beg to state that I was employed in the Cantonment Magistrates Court Bangalore and now a Pensioner.

5. For the above act of Kindness I shall ever remember your Honor with my deepest sense of gratitude.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your most obedient Servant

A. Ponnuswamy
Accountant

Pensioned 2° Clerk & Record Keeper

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[DRAFT]—For approval.

No. 2305
44-93

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Dated 7 July 1893

A. Ponnambala Mudr. and others are informed that their petition of the 5th Jany. 93 regarding the appointment of Stamp Vendors in Official Vendors in the C. Tn. District of Bangalore has been duly considered, and ~~that the objections of the Collector~~ that there is no necessity for such appointments ~~Commend itself to the Resident~~ The Resident does not consider that any necessity exists sufficient for the appointment of new Official Stamp Vendors ~~for that Cantonment~~ or that the present are insufficient for the supply of Stamps

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No. of License.	Names of license holders	Place of business. —— .
1.	L. S. Nagalinga Chetty.	Meraliim Saib Street
2.	Veerasamah —— .	Old Market.
3	Veerabhadra Mudr	New Market —
4.	Krishnasawmy Chetty ——	Cavalry Road
5.	M. Sadhanya Mudr	Veerapillay Street.
6.	Shaik Ali —— .	Old Post House Road.
7.	Allay Chetty Cheating for Venoo & Chetty	Brigade Road.
8.	Ramoomoorthy Chetty ——	Bazar Street Ootacamund.
9.	D. Doraisawmy Mudr	Castle Street. Shoolay ——
10.	G. Pooha Pandi —— .	General Bazar.
11	L. N. Moonigappa Chetty.	Infantry Lines. .
12	Manigappa Chetty —— .	Mains Road St Johns Hill —

These Venoos Sell impressed Stamp paper Postage envelopes, Labels and Cards — Also one Acme Receipt Stamp —

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No. 278.

District Court,
Civil and Military station
Bangalore, 21st February 1895.

From,

The District judge,
Civil and Military station, Bangalore.

To,

The First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir.

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2. Should the Resident be pleased to make the appointment I would beg that the proposal made by me in paragraph 4 to 6 of the letter already referred to, regarding the stamp Vendor's place in my Court, may be taken into Consideration, as the present stamp vendor wishes to retire shortly, and this appears to me to be the best opportunity for giving effect to the proposal, if it meets with the approval of the Resident and is sanctioned by the Government of India.

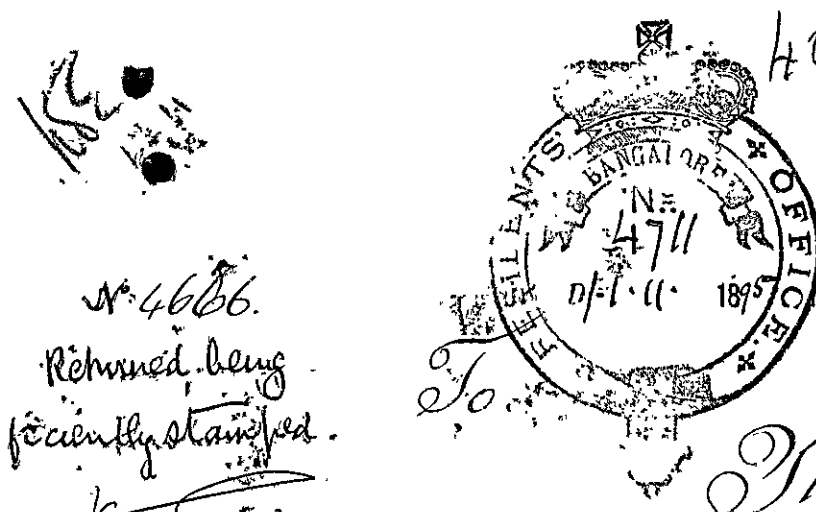
I have &c.,

Sd/ P. S. Krishna Rao,
District judge

Extract.

D.F.S
N-585 of 14-April 1893.

Original placed as il-W-6 in file No. 372 of 1894.



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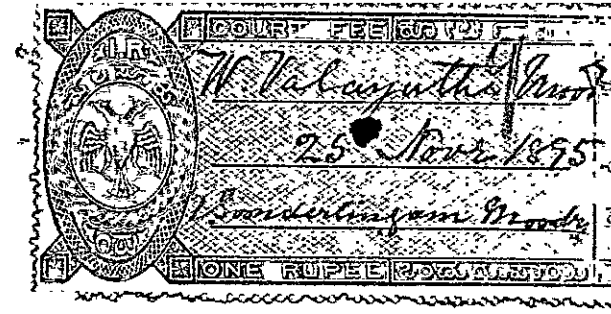


No. 4686.
Returned, being
Insufficiently stamped.
K.S. Erskine
First Assistant Resident

To

The Resident
in Mysore
Bangalore

Thro' the First Asst. to the Resident in Mysore
Bangalore.

The humble Memorial of the
principle inhabitants of the
Civil and Military Station
of Bangalore

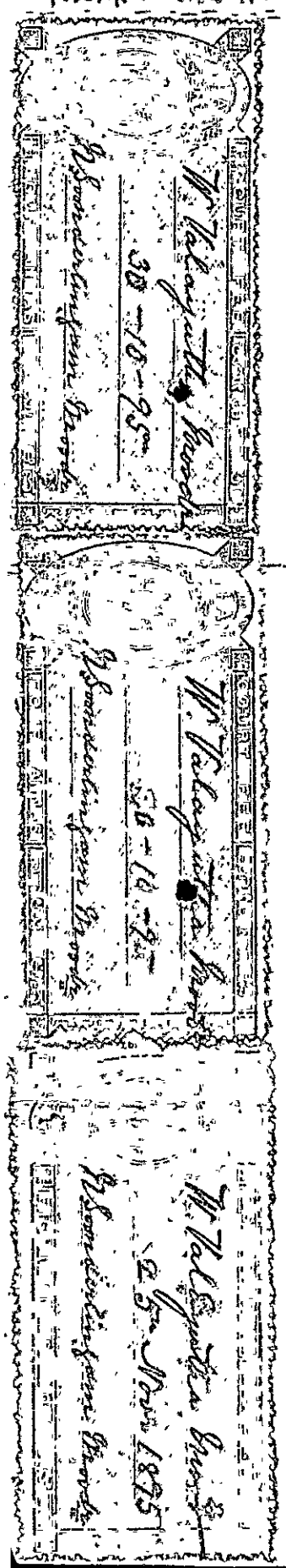
Most humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialists
beg very respectfully to approach your honor with
the following Memorial and humbly hope that
it will receive a favorable Consideration and
redress at your honor's hands.

That Bangalore as is well known to your
honor is a very important and Expanding
Civil and Military Station and as such
the Sale of its Court Fee Labels & Papers needs
be as Extensive as possible without being
confined to a Sale in the District Court
of the Civil and Military Station and Re-
sidents Treasury alone.

What the Memorialists beg to

Submit



3 Submit that they once before submitted a petition praying that two or three non-official Vendors may be licensed to sell Court Fee Labels and Papers to the public in the several streets of the Civil and Military Station at all times of the day as in the case of General Stamp papers which are sold freely on the ground that the public may not be inconvenienced. A1

4 That your Memorialists beg to submit that there are at present only two places in the Station, where Court Fee Labels are sold Viz the Residents Treasury and the District Court. These being public offices, Labels &c, are available only during the Office hours of the working days. In fact the Labels and Papers are available to the public only in the District Court, as the Stamp-Papers of the value of ~~Rs~~ 10/ and above alone are sold at the Resident's Treasury.

5 For Railway purposes especially for Indemnity Bonds required in the case of loss of Railway Receipts and which require to be stamped, the loss and hardship is very great during the public Holidays when the Courts are closed continuously for several days. ?

The Labels to not being readily available at any time of the day just as it is in the Bangalore City and in other parts of British

British India where almost all the Vendors are licensed to sell Court Fee Labels also; the people living in remote places such as Ulsoor, Shooley and St. John's Hill are obliged to walk down all the way to the Treasury or the District Court to purchase stamps of even one anna.

7 The Memorialists are told that the District Judge also supported their prayer last time.

8 Taking into your honors kind consideration the hardships and inconvenience the public are put to, the extent population and ever increasing litigation of the Station the Memorialists most respectfully solicit your honor to take their humble prayer into your enlightened consideration and to remedy the inconvenience by licensing one or two non-official Vendors to sell Court Fee Labels &c, not only at the District Court, but also in the busiest part of the Civil and Military Station.

9 For which act of benevolence your honor's Memorialists, as in duty bound shall ever pray

W. Valayutha Iruvodellier
Mundy Merchant
Ebraim Saib Street
C & M. Station
Bangalore

Signatures to the Memorial to be presented to the British Resident for Licensing one or two Non-official Vendors to sell Court Fee Labels and Papers.

No.	Names.	Residence
	N Soonderlingam Moodeliar,	Cantt Bangalore
	C Subbaroya Mood	Contonment. Bangalore.
	B.L. Ayja Raja Mood	Merchant. Cantt. Bangalore
	Y. Maduray Pillay	Commy Merchant Bangalore Cantt
	V.S. Mohomedooman	Rice Merchants Bangalore Contonm
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

C. Ranganatha Mudaliar

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A. Narayanaswamy Chetty Mundy Merchant

K. Rungiah Chetty Adiah Chetty Mundy Coutts Bangalore

A. Kumaravelu Chetty	Lachmana Chetty Street.

Signatures to the Memorial to be Submitted to the British Resident for favor of licencing one or two Non-Official Vendors to sell Court Fee Labels and Papers.

No.	Names	Residence
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	

: Opinion of the Members of the Bar as to the necessity of Licensing one or two Non-official Vendors for the purpose of Selling Court Fee Labels and Papers. — 48

No.	Opinion
	Filed

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The request made in the Petition to the Resident for the appointment of another Stamp Vendor (i.e. of Court-fee Stamps) is absolutely necessary. At present great inconvenience is experienced by suitors and legal Practitioners. The Court-fee Stamps are scattered and the only shop the C & M. Sts. are to be found in the premises of the district Court. I feel sure that all the members of the Bar will be only too glad to see another Vendor appointed. The Vendor who is at present acting in the District Court (N. Sampathingam Mudr.) must be a fit and proper person to be appointed by the Resident. One Court-fee Stamps might also be sold by this new Vendor.

I concur.

Advocate.

Those Stamp Vendors licensed to sell "General" Stamps throughout the C & M Stations should in my opinion be also authorized to sell Court fee & Notarial Stamps. The present great inconvenience is experienced by the public who want stamps.

Addl. Pub. Pros. & Addl. Pub.

15/1/96.

I also think so.

D. Rajaharachar
Advocate

L. Kadiramaravel Esq
Vakil S.C. Pleader

I would add to the above remarks that a small quantity of British Indian Stamps (Court Fee

general) should also be kept by the stamp Vendor – as in ~~another~~ cases considerable inconvenience has been experienced.

H. H. Uhlhorn
Cashier

I concur with Messrs. Lamoreux & Lubeck in suggesting these rules.

S. Munson
Barrister at Law

I am of the same opinion

L. A. Sidney
First Grade Pleader

I concur with Messrs H. Lubeck, J. B. L. Lamoureux & J. W. Hayes

H. J. Simmons
Advocate

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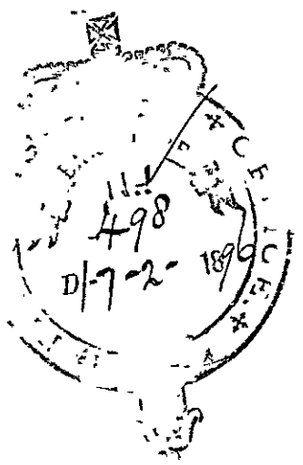
To Bangalore
Letter 4
Dt. 31/2



To.

Captain H. D. Erskine
First Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore
Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

With reference to your honors endorsement No. 4666 I beg to resubmit the memorial fully stamped with the opinion of the leading members of the Bar for your honor's favorable Consideration

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your honor's Most
Obedient Servant,
M. Valayutha Moodelliar
Mundy Merchant,
Ebrahim Saibs
Street
C & M Station Bangalore

Bangalore
27th January
1896

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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Camp Shimoga

Dated 18th July 1896.

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Serial No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

Camp No. 56. Jn 1.
621.

To

The Collector, & Ex Station
of Bangalore

Sir,

In forwarding
~~I am directed to forward for~~
KSZ
~~report~~ a petition from V. Valayuttia
Mudali & others, praying that one or
two non-official vendors may be
licensed to sell Court fee labels
in the Cantonment Station of Bangalore.

directed
~~I am desired to~~ request you to
enquire (1) at what places in the Cantonment
Station KSZ Court fee stamps are at present
sold, (2) whether in your opinion,
it is desirable that they should be
sold at any other places within the
provisions of the Chief Commissioner's notification
No. 237 dated the 15th January 1873, and
(3) whether you see any reason
for a reconsideration of the opinion
given

& the returned.

Slip E. Jn 3721/94

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given by ~~your predecessor~~ Col: Macgrath in his letter

№ 1464 dated the 20: March 1893.

I have, etc,

HSE 15/2
Irish Asst. Resident

A.J.
8-2-96. AH/10/2

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[Draft]—For approval.

Dated 9th May 1896.

No. 1739

To

The Collectors, C. & M. Station
of Bangalore

*Subject

~~Forwarding a petition from~~ Valayatha Maoor & others ~~and~~ praying for the ~~usual grant for opening extra hours of~~ moon & official mudons to sell Court fee labels in the Station.

SIR,

I am directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the *margin, and to request the favor of an early reply.

D.11 Camp No. 56 dated 18th Feby: 96.

~~Subsequent Reminder~~

~~No.~~ ~~dated~~

I have &c.,

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for First Assistant to the Resident.

9.5.96.